

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. By this Supplemental Amendment, claim 1 is amended.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Lee in the June 20 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claim 1 is amended to recite that an end of a first waveguide is directly connected so as to be conductive to one of ground electrodes of a second waveguide. Uchimura does not disclose or suggest this feature, as discussed during the personal interview.

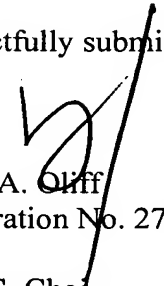
Furthermore, for the reasons discussed in the June 2 Amendment, independent claim 1 defines patentable subject matter. claims 2-12 depend on independent claim 1, and therefore also define patentable subject matter as well as for the other features they recite. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

I. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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